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IN THE CLAIMS

1-26. (Canceled)

27. A reverse gate comprising:

an outer wall having a first end and a second end;

an opening in the outer wall between the first and second ends and forming a first deflector and a second deflector;

a first and a second discharge opening in flow communication with the opening in the outer wall; and

a deflector body located between the first and second deflector.

28. The reverse gate of claim 27 wherein the deflector body is pivotably attached to the reverse gate about a vertical axis.

29. The reverse gate of claim 27 further comprising a top wall, a bottom wall, and an aft wall, wherein the top wall and bottom wall enclose a volume between the aft wall and the outer wall.

30. The reverse gate of claim 29 wherein the deflector body further comprises a plurality of vertical walls wherein at least one of the vertical walls is generally perpendicular to the top and the bottom walls.

31. The reverse gate of claim 27 further comprising a front opening constructed to receive a flow from a steering nozzle of a watercraft and divided by the deflector body.

32. The reverse gate of claim 27 further comprising a first and a second mounting wall constructed to be pivotally attached to a stationary nozzle of a watercraft and located between the first and second deflectors.

33. The reverse gate of claim 32 further comprising a flow reversing passage between the first mounting wall and the first end of the outer wall and another flow reversing passage formed between the second mounting wall and the second end of the outer wall.

34. The reverse gate of claim 27 incorporated into a watercraft.

35. A reverse gate assembly for a watercraft comprising:
an inlet constructed to receive a flow therethrough;
a first and a second outlet generally flanking the inlet;
a first and a second discharge opening generally perpendicular to the inlet; and
a deflector body positioned between the inlet and the discharge openings.

36. The assembly of claim 35 further comprising an outer wall extending from the first outlet to the second outlet and an opening formed in the outer wall, the opening in flow communication with the discharge openings.

37. The assembly of claim 35 wherein the deflector body further comprises a divider surface that extends to a first surface constructed to direct a flow thereacross towards the first outlet and a second surface constructed to direct a flow thereacross towards the second outlet.

38. The assembly of claim 35 wherein the deflector body is pivotably connected to the reverse gate.

39. The assembly of claim 35 further comprising a pair of mounting walls adjacent the first and second outlet and constructed to be pivotably attached to a mounting bracket.

40. The assembly of claim 35 further comprising a steering nozzle pivotably attached to a watercraft and rotatable between the first and the second outlets.

41. The assembly of claim 35 further comprising an aft wall extending from the first discharge opening to the second discharge opening and generally parallel to an axis of rotation of the reverse gate.

42. A jet-propulsion system of a watercraft comprising:
a steering nozzle pivotably attached to a watercraft about a vertical axis;
a reverse gate pivotably attached to the watercraft about a horizontal axis;
a divider body constructed to direct a flow through the reverse gate from an inlet to a first and a second outlet when the steering nozzle is generally perpendicular to the reverse

gate and to allow a flow therearound when the steering nozzle is rotated relative to the reverse gate.

43. The system of claim 42 wherein the divider body is pivotably attached to the reverse gate about an axis that is coplanar with an axis of rotation of the steering nozzle.

44. The system of claim 43 further comprising a stop constructed to prevent rotation of the divider body therebeyond.

45. The system of claim 42 wherein the reverse gate redirects a flow therethrough so that when the steering nozzle is turned toward a first side of the reverse gate, the flow through the reverse gate is directed to a forward and a rearward outlet wherein the forward and rearward outlets are on opposite sides of an axial center axis of the reverse gate.

46. The system of claim 42 wherein the divider body further comprises a planar portion and a pair of curved portions extending from the planar portion wherein one of the curved portions ends in a direction generally tangential to the first outlet and the other curved portion ends in a direction generally tangential to the second outlet.